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1. Since our Cuban policy is currently under review suggest you not initiate discussion this subject but if it should arise you might stress importance to US-Soviet relations of withdrawal Soviet military forces particularly combat troops.

2. Similarly doubt if you should initiate discussion Berlin problem. and only You are thoroughly familiar with our policy. Only guidance Department would suggest is that line you took with Gromyko appears to be correct one.

3. Should suitable occasion arise you might express hope that current discussion on atomic test ban will succeed although difficulties for both sides are fully recognized.

4. You may wish repeat offer made to Gromyko to transmit any views Soviet Government may have for President or Secretary.

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